Thirty-ninth Annual Report

OF THE

AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN, Nebraska

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1942

To the Honorable City Council, City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

The Department of Accounts and Finance presents herewith the Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, showing in detail, the financial transactions, bonded indebtedness and the actual condition of all funds at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1942.

Statistics regarding the operation of the Water and Light Departments are omitted for the reason that a separate report is being published, showing such transactions and operations.

Mr. B. W. Boeke, who had been an employee of the city for eighteen years, and for the past five years had charge of the Auditing Department, resigned to take employment elsewhere, and Mr. James Mallon and Mr. W. Wayne Harvey were each appointed Deputy City Clerk and Auditor, and since said time have carried on the work very effectively.

During the year, provisions were made in our accounting system to make deductions from the pay roll for the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps and Group Insurance for the employees. This has been a large task requiring a great deal of detailed work, but has been accomplished without increasing the office force. A statement of deductions for such bonds and the amount of bonds purchased by the employees is shown in said report. It will be necessary to make additional deductions after January 1, 1943, for the Victory Tax, as provided by the Tax Laws of the Federal Government.

Bonds were issued last year under a special charter provision for the opening of North 15th street and to build an auditorium. The street has been opened, but because of the impossibility to get materials under the present conditions, the auditorium has not been built.

Bonds were also issued for the expansion of the Municipal Airport. A large tract of ground was acquired and leased to the Federal Government for a Technical Training School, which is now in operation.

The tax levy for the coming year has been increased, which was occasioned largely by expense in connection with acquiring land for the Air Base above referred to.

The Supreme Court declared invalid the act of the Legislature of 1923 providing that the city need not pay pensions to members of the fire department, who were employed after that date. This will have some effect on the future financial program of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG, Director,
Department of Accounts and Finance.

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for many years operated under the Commission Form of Government. On May 10, 1937, a change was made and a new form of government was inaugurated. The Plan adopted has been called Seven-Man-Council, but possibly a more appropriate name would be a Modified Manager Form. Under this plan a mayor is elected for a term of two years and after the first election three councilmen will be elected each two years for a four year term. The Councilmen are paid \$10.00 for each regular meeting attended. No pay allowed for special meetings. The mayor receives in addition to the \$10.00 for each weekly meeting attended the sum of \$500.00 per year.

The activities of the City are divided in three departments as follows

- 1. Department of Public Welfare and Safety.
- 2. Department of Accounts and Finance.
- 3. Department of Parks, Public Property and Improvements.

The Council appoints a Director for each of the departments, who is the superintendent thereof and responsible to the council for its proper operation.

All other officials and employees are appointed by the Council. The Judge of the Municipal Court is elected at County and State elections, and other officials of the Municipal Court are appointed by the Judge.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The term of office of Mayor and Councilmen begins on the first Monday following the election.

The Council acts as a fact finding and policy determining body, while it is the duty of the Directors to carry out the policies so determined and to perform the necessary administrative functions of the City.

The Council also appoints a City Attorney and assistants necessary, to work with the Council and all departments of the City.

LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Richard O. Johnson, Mayor and President of Council.

Councilmen—Terms Expire 1943

H. J. Amen, Councilman and Vice-president of Council.

L. H. de Brown

Arthur J. Weaver, Jr.

Councilmen—Terms Expire 1945

Ioe D. Iverson

Virgil H. Kitrell

Stanley Maly

THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY ARE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

COBE S. VENNER Director

—E. P. Feaster, Chief Fire Department

Electrical Inspection —L. S. Crain, Inspector

—Dr. M. F. Arnholt, Superintendent Health Department

Dr. R. H. Easton, Asst. Supt.

Police Department

City Property

Muny Oil and Gas

—Joseph T. Carroll, Chief

—Charles E. Saal, Superintendent

—L. E. Brown, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

THEO. H. BERG ... Director

City Clerk's and Auditor's Office —Theo. H. Berg, Clerk and Auditor Tames Mallon, Deputy Clerk and Auditor

W. Wayne Harvey, Deputy Clerk and Auditor

Purchasing Office

—F. W. Moeller, Purchasing Agent

Treasurer's Office

-Frank J. Miller, Treasurer Wm. A. Schlaebitz, Deputy Treas.

Tax Commissioner's

-P. H. Mathews, Tax Commissioner

Office Information Bureau

--Wauneta Paul, Information Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENT
D. L. ERICKSON Director
Engineer's Office —D. L. Erickson, Engineer H. C. Schleuter Carl L. Fisher
Inspections —E. A. Vorhees, Building Inspector Frank M. Staats, Plumbing Inspector Charles Meyer, Sidewalk Inspector
Street Department —A. Lynn Myers, Superintendent Paving Repair & Sewer—H. Lyle Gieseker, Superintendent
Parks —Fred Goebel, Superintendent
Recreation —James C. Lewis Superintendent
Water and Light —F. L. Blumer, Plant Superintendent Raymond I. Case, Office Superintendent
LEGAL DEPARTMENT — Max Kier, City Attorney Frederick H. Wagener, Deputy
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT —Carl H. Worley, Personnel Officer
MUNICIPAL COURT —Edward C. Fisher, Judge Leland M. Towle, Clerk R. L. Butterbaugh, Deputy Clerk Charles H. Anderson, Constable
LIBRARY BOARD
(Members appointed by Council)
Frank L. Williams President Mrs. H. E. Flansburg Vice President Thomas M. Davies Secretary Magnus K. Kristoffersen Librarian
Members of Board
Term expiring July 16, 1944: Frank L. Williams, Thomas M. Davies, Mrs. H. E. Flansburg, Mrs. T. J. Thompson
Term expiring July 1, 1946: James M. Reinhardt, Morris N. Adams, Mrs. Guy Chambers

ADVISORY LIBRARY BOARD

For a term of two years:

Frank W. Hornung, Chas. H. Wear, Mrs. Anna Bergman

For a term of four years:

Dr. E. N. Dick, Floda Smith

AVIATION BOARD

(Members appointed by Council)

Verne Hedge, C. W. Motter, George W. Holmes, Max Kier, Carl J. Guenzel, B. F. Sheehan.

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman F. L. Blumer, Secretary M. L. Shively, Treasurer

The Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 P. M., at the City Hall, to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.

HOSPITAL BOARD

(Members appointed by Council)

Term expiring February 28, 1943

Mrs. Pauline F. Wessell, John K. Selleck, W. W. Putney.

Term expiring February 28, 1945

John L. Teeters, Miss Ida L. Robbins, Joe W. Seacrest.

Term expiring February 28, 1947

W. R. Mellor, H. S. Wilson, Mrs. Jessie Moore Sanders.

MUNICIPAL DEFENSE COUNCIL

(Members appointed by Council)

John E. Curtis, Cobe S. Venner, Dr. M. F. Arnholt, Louis M. Horne, D. L. Erickson, Chas. Hellmers, Lee Chapman, H. F. McCulla.

BOARD OF APPEALS

(Members appointed by Council)

Term expiring May, 1943 L. M. Troup

Term expiring May, 1945 L. F. Farrell, Ernest C. Folsom

Term expiring May, 1947 Robert Van Pelt, N. Bruce Hazen

PARK BOARD

For term ending February 24, 1943: Robert L. Ferguson, Robert M. Joyce, Joe W. Seacrest For term ending February 24, 1945: James E. Lawrence, Thomas C. Woods

ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD

Term expiring September, 1943
Robert Griswold, Mrs. Earl Cline, Dr. J. W. Thomas
Term expiring September, 1944
Dr. A. L. Smith, Dr. Paul Ludwick, Mrs. J. R. Thompson
Term expiring September, 1945
Dr. Harry Flansburg, Dr. Earl B. Brooks, J. H. Agee

SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION

Judge Robin R. Reid, Monsignor Maurice W. Helmann Mrs. Viola Erickson, Leo E. Chapman

PERSONNEL BOARD

Perry W. Morton, Dr. E. Glenn Callen, Wm. W. Stoner.

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 15,603 acres (24.41 square miles). Paved streets and alleys: 230.18 miles.

Parks: 1,361 acres.

Sanitary Sewers: 216.61 miles.

Storm Sewers: 58.14 miles. Water Mains: 266.10 miles. Public School Buildings: 31.

Floating Debt: None. Population 1920: 54,928. Population 1930: 79,572. Population 1940: 81,846.

ASSESSED VALUATION AND BOND DEBT OF CITY

Real Estate Personal Property Railroad Companies Public Utilities Insurance	\$75,177,115.00 14,084,464.00 2,881,375.00 2,749,048.00 507,490.00
Total Assessed Valuation	\$95,399,492.00
The total bonded indebtedness of the city on a is as follows:	August 31, 1941
General Water Bonds	\$ 2,134,500.00 763,000.00
Special Assessment	\$ 2,897,500.00 141,780.00
Total	\$ 3,039,280.00
Sinking funds on hand: General Water	01000100
Total	\$ 318,424.25

Building at Havelock: Electrical Supplies Paint, Varnish, Etc. Miscellaneous Hardware Maintenance of Building Electricity Coal		16.95 12.90 .99 144.55 44.00 350.00	
	\$	569.39	
Building at University P	lac	:e:	
Electrical Supplies Boiler Repairs Paint, Varnish, Etc. Miscellaneous		33.75 4.85 6.77	
Hardware		4.33	
Maintenance of Building Awnings Coal		58.32 17.00 240.00	
	\$	365.02	
Building at Bethany: Water Electricity Gas Fuel		6.00 7.12 15.90	
D. II. D. II.	\$	29.02	\$ 24,470.14
Police Division: Salary Miscellaneous Hardware Electrical Supplies Radio Repair Fingerprint Supplies Call Box Repairs Call Box Electric Current Traffic Signal Repairs Traffic Signal Electric Current Paint and Supplies Ammunition Jail Supplies Welding Supplies Photo Supplies Small Tools		30,986.23 182,37 348.90 615.16 18.49 8.88 311.16 155.78 1,378.12 802.46 315.24 68.95 11.31 181.02 313.65	

Printing & Office		
Expense	1,709.00	
Postage	146.33	
Maintenance of Office		
Machines	104.57	
Auto & Truck Repairs	2,922.73	
Motorcycle Repairs	1,524.58	
Gasoline and Oil	3,962.52	
Laundry	355.99	
Janitor Supplies	256.84	
Wearing Apparel	1,986.09	
Badges	106.10	
Medical Supplies	64.04	
Maintenance of	01.01	
Buildings	617.79	
Mileage & Traveling	017.70	
Expense	530.94	
Subsistence to Persons	1,603.20	
Telephone & Telegraph	5,079.49	
Advertising	133.23	
Electric Current	1,396.22	
Fuel	64.64	
Garbage Service	29.00	
Rent of Ground	72.00	
Memberships &		
Subscriptions	86.50	
Insurance & Bond		
Premiums	2,234.40	ο>
Miscellaneous Expense	560.04	
Furniture & Fixtures	761.03	
Autos and Trucks	5,019.00	
Drills	87.50	
Radio Equipment	2,380.80	
Guns and Handcuffs	146.64	
Inter-office	•	
Communications	150.00	
Warning & Traffic Signs	1,773.09	
Refunds	30.00	\$171,592.02

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1942

Exhibit "B"

Public Welfare Public Public of Service and Health Profession of Service and Enterprise Transfers Miscellaneous \$	90	\$ 32,534.23	9		÷	\$ 32.534.23	Se	e	S	\$	÷	\$ 26.133.36	\$ 33.124.40	\$ 22,498.42	10 695 08
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Public P		900.00				900.00									
Public P		28,778.81		28,778.81											
Public Public Conservation Stervice And Debt Total		7,278.12		7,278.12						3,104.76					
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		Total Disburgements	Debt Service	Transfers and Miscellaneous	Public Service Enterprise	Recreation	Conservation of Health	Public Works	Public Welfare	Staff Services	General Government	Revenue and Surplus	Total Revenue	Miscellaneous	Taxes 1
										Ceneral		Total			

STATEMENT OF

ACCOUNTS	Į	leappro- priated Surplus t. 1, 1941		Taxes	Mis	scellaneous
ACCOUNTS	-		æ	674 465 01	\$	255,917.7
General Fund:	\$	110,587.04	\$	674,465.01	0.00	
City Council			• •			
Mayors						•
Directors						
Muny Court						
Election and Registration						
Election and Registration						
Auditors						
Tax Commissioners						
Treasurers						
Purchasing						
Fnoineers						
Attorneys					• •	
Clerks			٠.			
City Property			٠.		• •	:
Police					• •	
Parking Meters			٠.			
Fire					٠.	
Fire						
Road						
Paving Repair						
Street Light						
Sewer						
Health						
Park			٠.		•	
General Expense						
Merit System			٠.		•	
Pensions—Fire					• •	
Ice Skating and General Rec					•	
ice skating and General Recommendation	_	110 505 04	Φ.	C74 4CE 01	Φ.	255,917.
Total General	\$	110,587.04	\$	674,465.01	\$	200,917.
Public Service Enterprises:						
Tubile Service Exception	_	505 000 FF	_O		0	616,006.
Water	\$	595,833.75			Ф	010,000.
Commercial Light		327,173.48				322,778.
Commercial English		14,717.38		,		53,562.
Muny Coal and Gasoline		5,011.27				7,668.
Aviation		252,428.72				13,341.
Aviation Field Bond						
_ · · · ·	œ	1,195,164.60	\$		\$	1,013,357.
Total Public Service Enterprise	••	1,190,104.00	Ψ		Ψ	1,010,001
N diam.						
Recreation:						0.000
0.17	\$	9,548.74			\$	8,863.
Golf		5,929.64		1,153.48	3	731.
Tennis		2,562.86				5,971.
Muny Pool		5,924.48		9,472.50)	6,932
Recreation Board		0,021.10				
	•	6,991.04	\$	10,625.98	8	22,498.
Total Recreation	\$	0,771.04	Ψ	10,020.00	, 4	22, 100.